

But, in the light of past events, and the campaign of the Federal last season, it is reasonable to believe the third league can travel on its old steam. Unlike most of the recent so-called winter leagues, the Feds did not start out last season with a top-heavy salary list. They began in a small way and gradually gained the respect of the fans, though gate receipts were not miraculously large.

But the new league secured a foothold. It used strategy, and before the older circuits woke up the Feds were well organized and gathering force. Critics who at first were disposed to treat the strangers lightly, gradually reformed their opinions, and at the close of last season the Feds were recognized as an important cog in the baseball world.

Another baseball war might not be such a bad idea. It would wake the magnates up to the duty they owe the public. The fans, who really support the clubs, would profit, for with such competition bids would be made for their attendance.

A war cannot hurt the fan, and it certainly cannot hurt the game as a popular sport. We all want baseball, and we're going to have it. And when a fan gives up 75 cents or a dollar for a seat he wants what he paid for.

Not mentioning any names, but it is about time we were receiving notice that blue prints had been prepared for a new ball park on the West Side.

Joe Tinker conferred with local backers of the Federal League team yesterday and intimated he was strongly considering throwing his fortunes with the new circuit. He will probably come to a decision before Monday.

President Ban Johnson of the American League and Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh, representing the National, will meet next Friday at French Lick to arrange a 1914 schedule. The opening gun will be fired April 13, and the final game will be played around Oct. 3 in the East and

a day later in the West. This will allow an earlier start for the world's series.

Working on the rotation plan, the Cubs should open in Cincinnati, and the St. Louis Browns will start the season on the South Side against the Sox.

The New Year's fight for Milwaukee between Ad Wolgast and Kayo Brown of New York has been canceled, and Tom Andrews has failed to find a substitute for Ad. Brown called off his end of the fracas because of a bad cold. An effort will be made to match the men for the latter part of January.

Members of the New York state boxing commission do not look with favor on the threat of Bob Fitzsimmons to re-enter the ring against some of the white hopes now doing business. Bob wanted to fight Soldier Kearns in New York Jan. 6.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, jealous of the notoriety Fitz is gaining by his challenge, wants to follow him in a come-back campaign. The commission will decide the cases early next week.

Battling Levinsky, the New York heavy, has been matched to fight ten rounds with Bob McAllister of California in Gotham, Jan. 5. McAllister lacks a punch, but is the cleverest big man now in the ring.

Leach Cross, who fights Bud Anderson in Los Angeles New Year's day, is in such good condition that he has knocked off training, and will rest until the day of the fight. Anderson will not let up in his workouts until the final day. Cross is still favorite in the betting.

New Orleans will see a great fight New Year's when Eddie Welsh, British lightweight, swaps punches with Johnny Dundee, the New York Italian. Dundee has made a good record since joining the lightweight section, and a win over the Englishman will put him in line for the best men in the class.

Secretary James Sullivan of the